

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15.—The operations on the local exchange were in a minor degree a replica of the Eastern market. Here also activity ruled strong, and upward tendencies manifested themselves in every direction. Among the high records registered Columbia Gas and Electric came to the front at 26, Pittsburgh Plate Glass at 123, La Belle Iron Works common at 69½ and United States Steel at 106½.

Sales.	High.	Low.
455 A W G Ma 62½	62	62
120 A W G M pf 124	124	124
\$910 Col G & El 25	25	25
80 Fireproof pt 16	16	16
25 Ind Brew 4½	4½	4½
1,155 La Belle Iron 69½	69	68
80 Mrs L & H 58½	58	57
60 Ohio Fuel Oil 15½	15½	15½
200 Ohio Fuel Sup 47	46½	46½
10 Pbg Brew pt 22½	22½	22½
185 Pbg O & G 8	8	8
118 Pbg P Glass 123	123	123
712 Pure Oil 20½	20	20
\$600 Ross M & M 25	25	25
\$260 San Toy 19	19	19
20 Un Switch 115	115	115
100 U S Steel 106½	106½	106½
801 West Airbrk 149½	149½	149½
970 West Elec 64½	63½	63½

20,811 Bonds.
\$5,000 C D Tel Co 103
*New high record.

New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—To find a parallel for today's unrestrained speculation it is necessary to hark back to the wild markets of the summer and autumn of 1915, when war shares and kindred issues were leading the list to dizzy heights. Today's market, in which trading exceeded the enormous total of 1,650,000 shares, was the eighth consecutive session to run well over the 1,000,000 mark.

It was a session also of many new records, United States Steel at 107, Republic Steel at 69½, Marine common at 50½, Atlantic Gulf and West Indies common and preferred at 95, and 69½, respectively as well as several of the more prominent metal issues being elevated to levels never before attained.

In the final hour, however, it became evident that supplies of stocks were exceeding in demand, and prices faded away until more gains were altogether obliterated. Trading in the last 15 minutes was at such high pressure as to leave the "ticker" much behind actual business.

Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Sudden weakness seized the wheat market late yesterday after an early display of strength. The downturn, which in

some cases amounted to 7c a bushel as compared with top prices of the day, was accompanied by assertions that Argentine wheat was being offered cheaper in the United States than domestic wheat and by unfounded rumors that Sweden had decided to go to war, presumably against Great Britain. Something of a recovery ensued but prices closed weak. 1½¢ net lower, with December at \$1.48@1.49½ and May at \$1.49@1.49½. Corn lost ¼¢ and oats ¼¢. In provisions the outcome ranged from 5c decline to a rise of 2c.

Articles.	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
December \$1.51		\$1.48½
May 1.52½		1.49
Corn—		
December 72½		71½
May 76½		74½
Oats—		
December 47½		46½
May 50½		50

Baltimore

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.		
Con G E L & P com, 100 112		
Fidelity & Deposit, 50 132		
Mon Val Trac 5s 92½		93½
Un Ry and El Co., 50 27½		27½
Cosden com 16		16½
Cosden Gas com 12½		13½
Cosden Gas pret 4½		5
Con Coal 6s 102½		
Con Coal 100 98		100
Con Coal Ref 5s 91½		
Elkhorn Corps 6s 97½		97½
Elkhorn Fuel 6s 99½		100½
Davidson Chem 37		37½
Sapulpa Ref com 9		9½

Oil and Gas.

In the Thirty-foot development on Dent's run, Mannington district, Marion county, W. Va., J. J. Allen drilled his second test on the Louis Higgenbotham farm into the Gordon sand and developed a fair gasser. The first well on this farm was completed last spring and was a gusher, the largest of the year. It was thought at the time that a new and prolific extension to the old Pitzer pool had been discovered. Since then dry holes and gas wells have been completed on every side of the big producer and what was regarded as the best prospect for new production proved a disappointment. To the northwest of this well, F. W. Bartlett's No. 1 on the Z. E. Batson farm, completed more than two months ago, is still holding up at 265 barrels a day. The second test on this farm was drilled into the Big Injun sand and developed a pay and has not as yet been drilled to the Thirty-foot formation.

In Union district, Pleasants county, the Columbia Oil company completed and shot in the Big Injun sand its test on the Nicholas Wells farm and it shows for an eight-barrel pumper. In Grant district, the New York Petroleum company has now drilled its test

on the J. Delong farm through the Berea grit and it is dry.
On Laurel creek, Union district, Wood county, the Laurel Creek Oil company drilled its second test on the A. B. Wharton farm through the second Cow Run sand and found it barren.

On the waters of Indian creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the United Fuel Gas company completed and shot in the Weir sand, No. 14, on the lease No. 2, on the W. G. Morris farm and it is a very light pumper. On the same stream and in the same district, the South Penn Oil company completed and shot No. 6 on the R. J. Morris farm and it is showing for a light pumper.

Promote the Work.
Keep this thought on the masthead: It is the work, and not the worker, that is to be promoted.—W. T. Lathrop.

BITS OF STATE NEWS

Friday evening of last week a small fry Kanawha county politician made an unexpected attack upon Editor Sellers, of the St. Albans Herald. Not to put too fine a point on it he "licked the editor." Apparently the experience did not dampen the ardor of that valiant individual, for in an editorial announcement of the incident he said:

Perhaps it was thought that The Herald could be stilled in regard to men who are candidates for office and also who do not want Law and Order. If they think that they can keep The Herald from telling the truth about things they are sadly mistaken. It will make it more rigid and they can expect from now on to see things aired in its columns.

A history of some of our local politicians would make nice reading and in the near future it is the idea of The Herald to give them and when it does it will hew close to the line.

The only way in which to silence an editor is to kill him, and that is an extremely hazardous undertaking.

The Hinton Independent-Herald says "Ed. L. Warren, a patient at the Hinton hospital, is authority for the statement that the patients who were able to eat, were feasted on a 25-lb. cat fish, Sunday. There was enough to go round and some over. The fish was caught near Alderson, but we lack the name of the party who hooked it. Mrs. Richards, of Glen Jean, today sent Frank Smith, now a patient at the hospital, a pint of fresh grown strawberries. It is understood Mrs. Richards raises strawberries the year round by some scientific process that is proving highly successful."

Morgantown people this week have been rolling the details of an unusual matrimonial story under their tongues. Saturday of last week a 14 year old girl eloped to Oakland, Md., with a man named Albert Liberatore and was married to him. When the couple returned home the girl's parents got busy and succeeded in getting the girl committed to the state industrial school for girls at Salem as an incorrigible. In reporting the case the Post-Chroni-

cle said: "The girl appeared before the justice in company with her father, and when made to see the error she had made, seemed perfectly willing to go to the school at Salem. She told the justice that she thought it would be fun to be married and did not think that such a fuss would be raised over it. Divorce proceedings were started by the girl's parents this morning on the grounds of illegal marriage and the trial will be held at the next term of court, which convenes October 5th. The law of West Virginia regarding marriages states explicitly that no one under the age of 16 may be legally married and that no one under the age of 21 may be married without the consent of their parents."

The New Industrial department of the Wheeling Commercial association will make a strong bid for the location of the United States nitrate plant in the Wheeling district of the Ohio valley. The last congress appropriated \$200,000 for such a plant. While the bill providing for the construction of such a plant stipulates a "hydraulic nitrate plant," the Commercial association executives are convinced that the American Gas and Electric company at Beach Bottom will be able to furnish electric current, the big factor in the operation of a nitrate plant, cheaper than any hydraulic plant can furnish it.

It is not often, the Wellsburg correspondent of the Wheeling News says, that a man will hire a lawyer to draw up a paper to make him keep his word; more often it is the other way. But Brooke county has an example in one Pete Slanto, storekeeper at Follansbee, who went to an attorney and had the paper drawn up so he would have to pay, whether he wanted to or not.

Pete's daughter Anna was to get married and Pete wanted to present her with \$1,000. Two hundred dollars of the amount was given and the balance promised when the daughter was ready to build a home. Pete explained to the clerk his intentions and asked for

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a lawyer to draw up a paper to give the daughter so, as he explained, "if he changed his mind and didn't want to give her the money she could make him." Mr. Slanto was directed to the attorney and the paper was duly drawn up and witnessed and signed.

Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed Monday issued a certificate to the Hope Natural Gas company of Pittsburgh, operating in West Virginia, showing an increase in the capital stock of that corporation from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000, making the corporation one of the largest transacting businesses in West Virginia. The license tax covering the increase in the capital stock was \$4,500 and the secretary received a check for that amount.

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